

**WAUKESHA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER
MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

February 21, 2011

Minutes

Present:

Chair Troy Norman (Goodwill), Mary Madden (NAMI), Michael DeMares (WCDHHS), Joan Sternweis (MCH –DT), Laura Sette (for Maura McMahon, Public Defender's Office), Marybeth Vander Male (HIL), Diane Begos (MHC – CCS), Corrine Gresen (WMH), and Colleen Gonzalez (WCTC)

Excused:

Lisa McLean (MHA) James Hanover (Div. of Voc. Rehab.), Dennis Farrell (WCHHS) Board, Linda Cole (Friendships), and Terry Findley (Consumer Advisor)

The meeting was preceded by an educational segment regarding peer specialists presented by Clubhouse, MHA and NAMI.

The meeting was called to order by Troy Norman at 2:35 pm.

Review and Approval of January 17, 2011 Minutes

Diane Begos made a motion seconded by Mike DeMares to approve the minutes of January 17, 2011. All voted and the motion carried.

Board Liaison Report

No report Dennis Farrell excused.

Sub-Committee Reports

1. Legislative – Dennis Farrell (excused)

Mike DeMares comment about the governor's budget bill was that collective bargaining is the main argument from public employees. County government is not aware of the extent of state or federal budget cuts, which may mean cuts to block grants and Medical Assistance. Waukesha County HHS 2010 fiscal year ended well in part due to lower placements in residential services and less detox services.

2. CCS Coordinator Committee – Mike DeMares/Diane Begos

March marks the end of the three year term limit, which means CCS committee membership is being reviewed. Everyone who is a standing member will either reapply or not, so it opens the door a little bit for individuals, especially consumers.

CCS peer mentor program is up and running and working well. This program provides someone new to the CCS program a mentor who has been in CCS services for a year or more.

2. COP Report – Joan Sternweis

Joan reported she has two items that need to be discussed and voted on today.

The first review of the 2010 COP budget shows an unallocated amount of approximately \$8,300. Joan presented a variance request today detailing that these funds be put towards one COP recipient's high cost of residential services. Mary Madden made a motion, Diane Begos second. All voted and motion carried. Troy Norman endorsed the variance request prepared by Joan.

The 2011 COP Plan is due at the end of the month to the state. In this report they ask the county to identify all of the individuals who are contact people for the COP program, mental health and AODA, and for the CLTS program. The report also asks for the counties care management coordination (case management) rate, which is \$78.25. Last year it was \$76.60 so it is up slightly. Joan reported that no changes have been made to the COP Plan and no appropriation changes for cost share. In summary, Joan said the report would say there are no changes to the contact list and provide the calculation of our new care management rate of \$78.25 for this year. Mary Madden made the motion, seconded by Troy Norman. All voted and the motion carried to approve the annual COP Plan. Troy signed the document as committee chairperson.

3. 2012 Unmet Needs – Mike DeMares

Mike reported that unmet needs report will be presented on March 31, which gives us one more meeting for discussion. His suggestion is to keep what we have; continue to use the best pharmaceuticals, budget for cost of living increase for residential and expand Peer Support.

Joan reported that the current employment specialist at Goodwill Industries is at a maximum caseload and as we open another 15-20 consumers next year they are going to be requesting employment evaluations. This is one of the services we must have available in order to offer the 1951i CRS benefit. Clients may choose not to use the service, but it must be offered. If we do expand employment services, we will recover 60% of money spent for this program. Mike feels it is worthwhile to include this as an unmet need. Joan reported that we do have a number of individuals currently in CCS who may transition to CRS and want to retain those employment services, which require long-term support.

Regarding adult transitions, Joan reported we have more referrals than ever before. There are currently eight pending consumers who will require some type of supported living situation. Joan sees them being served either through CCS or CRS. She also noted that a specialty Peer Specialist would also be major contributor to success to those young people, which is something we don't have available amongst our current providers.

Mike will draft the unmet need report and review it with Troy and Mary for final document. Mary or Troy will need to attend on March 31 with Mike at 2:00.

In preparing for the 2012 budget Joan will survey juvenile supervisors for adolescents who will turn 18 next year.

Old Business

None

New Business

There will be peer specialist workgroup meeting on April 18 at 12:30 regarding further implementation here in Waukesha County.

Mike reported HHS and MHC recently had three long-term psychologists retire. Two have been hired; one for this building and two at the clinic. Dr. Reed has joined the inpatient unit at half time. We have all of our physician openings filled, Hopefully, by the end of next week all psychologist positions will be filled. There is one opening posted for a part time counselor to work in the pharmaceutical area.

Other

A motion was made by Mary Madden and seconded by Marybeth Vander Male to adjourn the meeting. All voted and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Cooper, Recorder

Minutes were approved *Doug C. Norman* Date *3/21/2011*